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SUBJ: US TASK FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN PUBLICIZED

1. ALL NEW DELHI ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES ON JANUARY 29, EXCEPT THE "EXPRESS", CARRIED ON PAGE 1 THE AP STORY DATED WASHINGTON JANUARY 28 THAT THE US NAVY HAS SENT A NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER TASK FORCE INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE CONGRESS PARTY NEWSPAPER "NATIONAL HERALD" REPORTED FROM ITS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE GOI "HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE REPORTS" OF THE TASK FORCE. THE HERALD ACCOUNT ADDED THAT "INFORMED INDIAN SOURCES REITERATED THE INDIAN POSITION OPPOSING SUPER POWER MILITARY AND NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN." EXCEPT FOR PRO-CPI "PAGRIOT", COVERAGE WAS LOW-KEY.

2. EMBASSY'S NAVAL ATTACHE INFORMED THE INDIAN NAVY ON JANUARY 24 OF THE PROJECTED TASK FORCE VISIT. NAVAL OFFICER INFORMED EXPRESSED THANKS FOR INFORMATION AND OFFERED NO COMMENT. CHARGE GAVE MINISTRY
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OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINT SECRETARY TEJA (AMERICAN DIVISION) THE SAME INFORMATION ON THE 25TH. TEJA ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION, AND IN BRIEF, PRO-FORMA MANNER, RESTATED FOR THE RECORD INDIA'S POSITION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A BRIEF PATRIOT (CPI DAILY) PIECE IN OCTOBER 1975, THIS IS FIRST US NAVAL TASK FORCE PRESENCE SINCE EMERGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN INDIAN PRESS. WE ASSUME IT REFLECTS THE GENERAL RELAXATION OF PRESS GUIDELINES AND CENSORSHIP SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN ELECTIONS LAST WEEK.

4. THROUGH JANUARY 31 THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT OTHER THAN A "NATIONAL HERALD" EDITORIAL WHICH WAS MILDLY CRITICAL, BUT RESTRAINED.
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